

YEAR 3 REPORT

Purpose and 2025 at a Glance

Feb 2026

“ A message from the team

This Year 3 report provides a concise overview of the Canadian Poverty, Health Equity, and Climate Change (CPHECC) Initiative’s activities and focus in 2025. Building on earlier years of network development and evidence generation, CPHECC has evolved into a national initiative increasingly focused on applied, policy-relevant work.

In 2025, the initiative deepened its engagement with government partners, advanced complex systems approaches, and expanded work on women’s and children’s health. This report highlights how CPHECC is translating evidence into actionable insights across research, policy, and community contexts. Our team is extremely grateful to our growing network of people and partner organizations and we look forward to expanding the impact of our work in 2026.

-Sean Kidd, CPHECC Founder



Year 3 Snapshot: What Defined 2025

In 2025, CPHECC’s work reflected a shift toward more applied, policy-relevant engagement across research, community, and government contexts. Building on earlier foundational efforts, the initiative focused on:

Translating research into actionable insights for decision-makers at the intersection of climate change, poverty, and health.

Deepening engagement with government and policy partners to support equity-centred climate planning.

Advancing participatory, community-led projects that centre lived experience and co-produced knowledge.

Strengthening national and global collaboration through cross-sector and international networks to elevate equity in climate and health discussions.



Research & Evidence

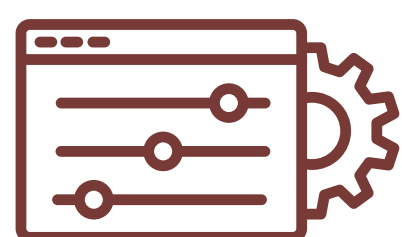
Published:

1 **Noor et al., 2025:** “Heat-Related Health Risks for People Experiencing Homelessness: A Rapid Review”

2 **Yaa et al., 2025:** “Women in the Midst: An Intersectionality Study of Canadian Climate Change, Poverty and Health Media Reporting”

In Progress:

- Commentary: **“Complex Systems Frameworks Are Crucial in Responding to the Climate, Poverty, and Health Nexus”** submitted to journal
- Commentary: **“The Role of Landlords in Shaping Housing Responses to Climate Change and Health Equity”** submitted to journal
- Commentary: **“Addressing Migrants in National Adaptation Strategies: A Critical Assessment and Future Pathways”** submitted to journal
- Qualitative study: **“The poverty-health-climate change nexus in Canada: Perspectives of lived experience experts and professionals”** submitted to journal
- Scoping review: **“The Implications of Climate Change for the Learning and Development of Children and Youth in Poverty: A Review of Research on Formal Education Settings”** submitted to journal
- Systematic review: **“Climate-Related Health Risks for Women in Poverty: A Systematic Review”** submitted to journal
- Policy analysis: **“Evaluating Climate Change Adaptation Plans in Canada with a Focus on Poverty and Homelessness”** manuscript in development



Policy & Systems Work

Policy Working Group

Established a cross-sector group connecting research, policy, and practice.

Complex Systems Series

Hosted a three-session series to explore complexity, systems dynamics, and principle-based approaches to action.

Cross-Municipal Engagement

Strengthened collaboration across Toronto, Hamilton, and Thunder Bay to support policy work and identify shared needs.



Knowledge Mobilization

Conferences & Presentations

- Presented two oral abstracts at **CPHA Public Health 2025**.
- Presented the migrant-focused commentary at the **North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC)**.
- Shared three posters at the **University of Toronto Climate, Health & Sustainable Care 2025 Annual Symposium**.
- Presented preliminary findings from our online course (see below) at **OSMERC 2026** and the 15th Annual **Donald Wasylenki Education Day**.

Infographics

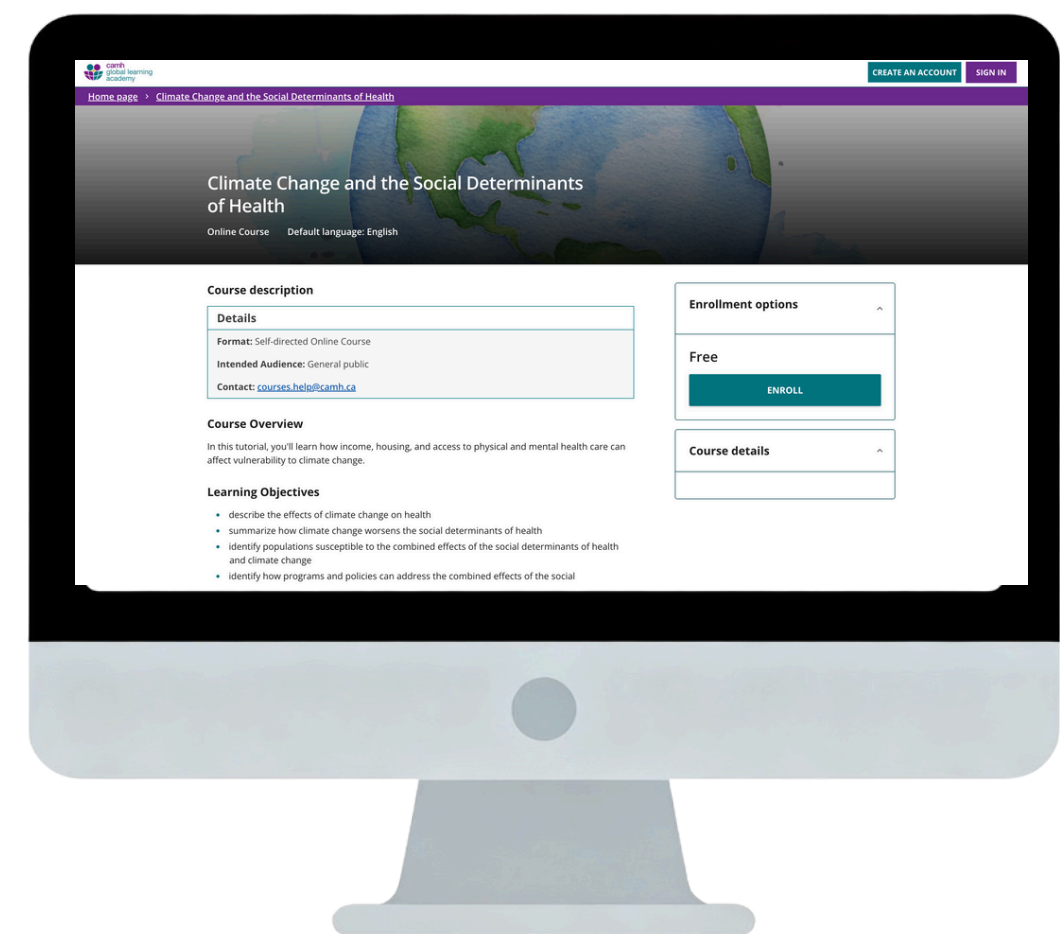
- Developed and disseminated three infographics on the following topics: 1) [Older Adults](#), 2) [Women's Health](#), and 3) [The Role of Landlords](#).

Policy & Training Contributions

- Contributed to national and international policy and training initiatives, including an invited contribution to a Health Canada-led international training initiative on scaling up health adaptation.

Courses, Webinars & Learning

- Published a free, self-paced, certificate-based online course: [Climate Change and the Social Determinants of Health](#). **Nearly 400** learners enrolled, supported by promotion through CPHECC networks and partners.
- Began planning a **national webinar** on women's health and climate change with **NCCDH**.



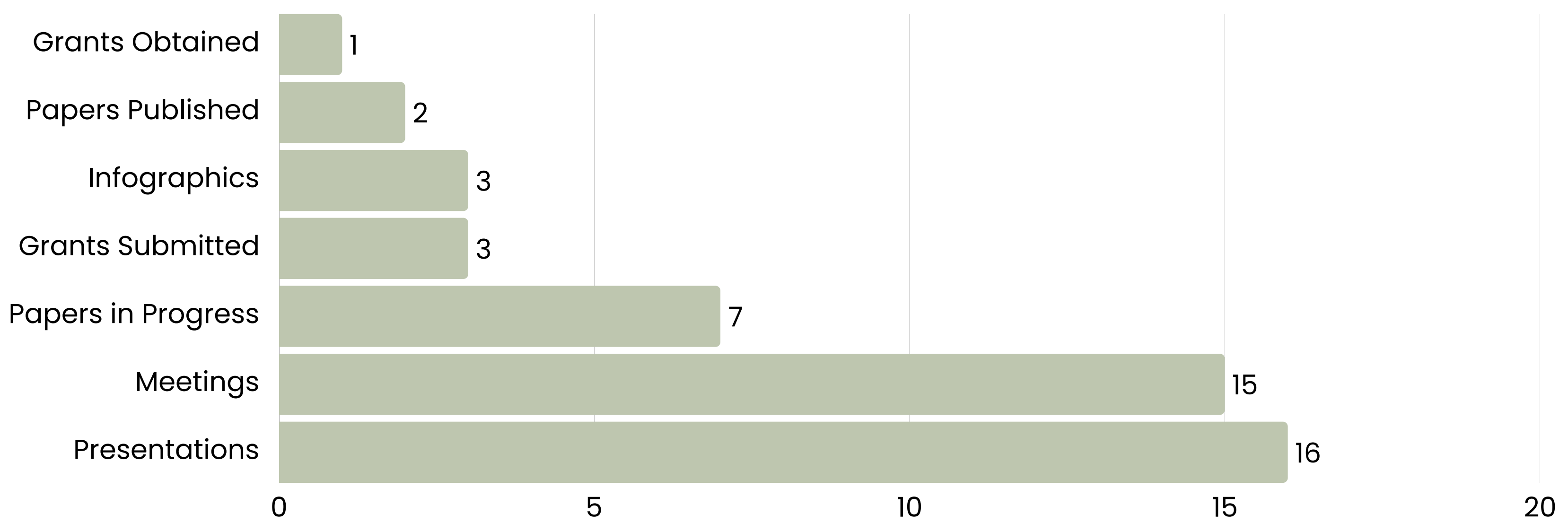
Panels, Dialogues & Public Engagement

- Delivered keynotes and invited presentations at major forums, including: **Canadian Paediatric Society Annual Conference** and **Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home Conference**.
- Participated in panels and interdisciplinary dialogues on climate change, housing, and health equity.
- Engaged in public-facing knowledge exchange, including the **Climate Justice 101 podcast series** and webinars.

Community Knowledge Mobilization

- Initiated knowledge mobilization activities for participatory action projects, including a planned **collaborative virtual screening with NCCIH** to share community-led outputs (see below for more information).

Year 3 by the Numbers



Participatory & Community-led Projects

Participatory Action Projects

Funded community-led projects with Home Base Yellowknife, Kabenguetan Dance Troupe, ENRICH, and Building Bridges with Rwanda (in development).

<p>Home Base Yellowknife</p> <p>Youth created the song “Change” in response to the 2023 wildfire season, sharing stories of resilience and hope.</p>	<p>Kabenguetan Dance Troupe</p> <p>Choreographed a performance highlighting traditional planting practices from Benguet, reflecting adaptation and cultural continuity.</p>	<p>The ENRICH Project</p> <p>Developed the <u>Building Black Climate Resilience Portal</u>, amplifying Black voices and supporting equitable climate action across the GTHA.</p>
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★ Stay tuned for launch events and activities!

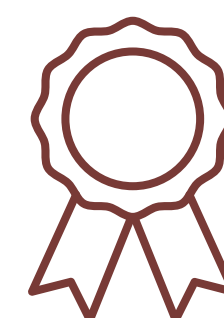
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Engaged CAC members to **guide the design, development, and presentation** of key outputs, including the landlord commentary, poster, and infographic.



National and Global Positioning

- Submitted a background document to the World Health Organization to inform **COP30 discussions and the Belém Health Action Plan.**
- Convened Global Climate Homelessness Network meetings to coordinate advocacy ahead of COP30, with a focus on homelessness and health equity.



Recognition

- 2025 Climate & Health Award – Best in TAHSN:** Recognizing leadership and impact in climate health equity.

Strategic Priorities Moving Forward

Building on this work, CPHECC is advancing a set of strategic priorities that reflect both demonstrated impact and emerging needs:

1 Deepening focus on women's health and children and youth, advancing intersectional and participatory approaches to climate risk, caregiving, development, and mental health.

2 Expanding collaboration across regional, national, and international contexts, supporting shared learning and coordinated responses to climate-related inequities.

3 Advancing new projects and funded research, including a proposed SSHRC grant on extreme heat and women caregivers, an ESDC-supported study on subsidized housing and climate risk, and a collaborative co-design study with mothers on climate change and child brain health.

4 Supporting dissemination and uptake of participatory outputs to inform policy and practice. **Building a community of practice** connecting researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and community partners across the climate-poverty-health nexus.

CPHECC's Role Going Forward

As CPHECC moves forward, it will continue to play a distinct role at the intersection of climate change, poverty, and health equity. The initiative serves as a **connector**, linking research, policy, practice, and lived experience; a **translator**, moving evidence into actionable, policy-relevant insight; and a **platform** for advancing equity-centred climate responses across local, national, and global contexts.

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